



Video of July 17 BDCP public meeting is available online

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) held a public meeting on July 17 in Sacramento. The meeting provided an update on BDCP Administrative Draft Chapters 8-12. A video of the meeting is available online [here](#).



DWR approves funding to strengthen Delta levees

DWR has approved funding for 14 reclamation district projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to strengthen nearly 90 miles of levees to provide protection against flooding. The projects will receive a total of nearly \$30 million under the Delta Special Flood Control Projects' Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Levee Repair and Improvement Project Solicitation Package (PSP). The projects include landslide levee repair, all-weather road construction, erosion repair and other improvements, along with mitigation for any habitat damage. More details are in this [news release](#).

Brown Bag Seminar features Australia's Murray-Darling Basin

The Delta Science Program and the Ecosystem Restoration Program and Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program Joint Brown Bag series will present a seminar on July 29 in Sacramento by Neal Hughes, senior economist with the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences, on water property rights and markets in Australia's Murray-Darling Basin. This basin has many of the same challenges the Western U.S. does, namely droughts, environmental damage, climate change, and ongoing disputes over water allocation. Details are [here](#).



Delta Water Summit is August 3 at CSU, Fresno

California State University, Fresno is the location of a Delta Water Summit on August 3. Speakers from a wide variety of perspectives will address crucial Bay Delta water, infrastructure, and environmental issues. Many top water leaders from California and the nation will participate. More details are in this [news release](#).

IEP delta smelt habitat draft report is available for public comment

The Interagency Ecological Program's (IEP) Management, Analysis, and Synthesis Team (MAST) draft report, *An Updated Conceptual Model for Delta Smelt: Our Evolving Understanding of an Estuarine Fish*, is available for public review and comment. This technical report assesses delta smelt responses to recent changes in habitat conditions due to hydrology and management actions. Information on how to review the report and submit comments, due on August 30, is on page 1 of the [draft report](#). The draft report figures are [here](#) and the draft report review process is [here](#).



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